



RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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This Report is based on the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars 33/52 and 16/55 and follows the arrangement detailed in Form Port 20.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

NO CHANGE


SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING

THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Nett)	<u>Number inspected</u>		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Chief Public Health Inspec- tor	
Foreign Ports	378	100,522	2	0	0
Coastwise	888	208,502	1	0	0
TOTAL	1,266	309,024	3	0	0

These figures do not include Liners calling for Pilots, as these vessels do not encroach on the Harbour limits.



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SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND

TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil
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	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS - Diesel Oil
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	(Principal EXPORTS - Oil, Limestone
Principal Ports from which ships arrived: French and Belgian Ports, Mediterranean Ports, Far Eastern Ports		

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS)

REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE



SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

Liskeard Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall.
Telephone: Liskeard 2385

OR Lee Mill Hospital, Ivybridge, Devon.
Telephone: Ivybridge 482

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the crew.

Arrangements are to be made by telephone to the Torbay Ambulance Radio Control Centre Telephone: Torquay 89345. They in turn will contact the Plymouth City Ambulance Service who will provide the necessary ambulance facilities.

- (3) Name of the Smallpox Consultant available.

Dr. W.H. St. John-Brooke,
West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, Cornwall.
Telephone: Penzance 2382

- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens would be sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory (Virus Reference), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE



SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND
OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

A short account should be given of the measure taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

Nil.



SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE
OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS
INFECTED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

Nil.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

- (1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

The Public Health Inspector makes inquiries of masters of ships as to the presence of, or undue mortality among rats. He also inspects ships, quays wharves and stores at regular intervals for signs of the presence of rats.

- (2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

These examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter.
No rodents were sent for examination.

- (3) Arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Arrangements are made for this service to be carried out at Plymouth.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.



TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Brixham is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices Served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General .. 3	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL .. 3			

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)

REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

NO CHANGE



SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Cases of illness treated aboard ship or ashore

Six mariners received medical treatment as summarised below:-

British	(3)	Fever, Injured Thumb, Kidneys
Norwegian	(1)	Acute Appendicitis
Russian	(1)	Burns
East German	(1)	Infected Jaw

Torbay Lifeboat

The Torbay Lifeboat is stationed at Brixham.

I wish to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector for his assistance, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs, the Harbour Master and the local shipping agents for their co-operation in compiling this report.

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